

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

February 20, 2007

Aldermen Osborne, O'Neil, Shea,
Roy, Long

5:00 PM

Aldermanic Chambers
City Hall

1. Chairman Osborne calls the meeting to order.
2. The Clerk calls the roll.
3. Communication from Library Director thanking the Committee for bagging meters during construction of their handicap accessible entrance and advising that the work is complete, the new entrance open and the bags have been returned.

Ladies and Gentlemen, what is your pleasure?

4. Update discussion regarding the Mechanic Street angled parking project requested by Brandy Stanley, Parking Manager.

Ladies and Gentlemen, what is your pleasure?

5. Communication from Michael Egan, B5ONE, requesting use of Arms Park on Saturday, June 10th from 9am to 4pm for their annual Treffen der Hamster event.

Ladies and Gentlemen, what is your pleasure?

6. Discussion of In-Street Pedestrian Crossing Sign Traffic Policy.

Ladies and Gentlemen, what is your pleasure?

7. Chairman Osborne advises the Traffic Department has submitted an agenda of regulations to be addressed as follows:

Rescind Stop Signs:

On Lincoln Street at Lake Avenue, southwest and northeast corners, back-ups (no ordinance number assigned)

(Rescind Stop Signs continued)

On Lincoln Street at Spruce Street, southwest and northeast corners, back-ups (ord.1023)

On Wilson Street at Lake Avenue, northeast corner, back-up (no ordinance number assigned)

On Wilson Street at Spruce Street, southwest and northeast corners, back-ups (ord. 1559)

(Alderman Osborne)

Rescind 15 Minute Parking:

On Lowell Street, north side, from a point 75 feet east of Maple Street to a point 20 feet easterly(ord.3250)

Rescind No Parking Loading Zone:

On Lowell Street, north side, from a point 95 feet east of Maple Street to a point 30 feet easterly (ord. 3251)

(Alderman Duval)

Rescind No Parking Anytime:

On Lowell Street, north side, from Jane Street to a point 60 feet easterly (ord.8138)

(Alderman Duval)

No Parking Anytime:

On Lowell Street, north side, from Maple Street to a point 65 feet east (Alderman Duval)

No Parking Loading Zone:

On Lowell Street, north side, from a point 65 feet east of Maple Street to a point 30 feet easterly

(Alderman Duval)

No Parking Anytime:

On Lowell Street, north side, from a point 95 feet east of Maple Street to Malvern Street.

(Alderman Duval)

No Parking Anytime:

On Almond Street, north side, from Boynton Street to a point 100 feet east (Alderman Smith)

Rescind No Parking 7 PM – 6 AM – 7 Days:

On Grove Street, both sides, from Elm Street to Willow Street (ord.9008)

(Alderman Long)

Rescind No Parking Anytime:

On Grove Street, north side, from Elm Street to Willow Street (ord.8955)
(Alderman Long)

Rescind No Parking Anytime:

On Grove Street, south side, from Elm Street to Willow Street (ord. 8956)
(Alderman Long)

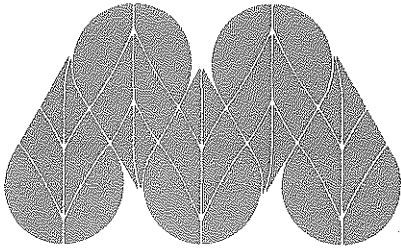
Ladies and Gentlemen, what is your pleasure?

TABLED ITEMS

(Communications previously forwarded to Mayor and Aldermen and on file at Office of City Clerk)

(A motion is in order to remove any items from the table)

8. Communication from Joe Morse submitting recommendations to help alleviate the dangerous situation at the intersection of Valley and Massabesic Street and Tarrytown Road.
(Tabled 01/30/2007, pending review by Police Traffic Division)
9. Discussion relating to coordination of services and utilities during storm events such as what occurred on February 10, 2006 as requested by Alderman O'Neil.
(Tabled 03/21/2006 pending report from Fire and Police Departments; report requested within 30 days per action of 01/30/2007))
10. **STOP SIGNS:**
On Lacourse Street at Rhode Island Avenue, NEC
On New York Street at Rhode Island Avenue, SWC
Alderman Duval
(Tabled 05/16/2006)
11. Communication from Parks, Recreation and Cemetery Commission recommending naming the Manchester Recreational Trail system inclusive of Manchester City limits present and future, in honor of Officer Briggs to be called "The Michael L. Briggs Trail System 83."
(Tabled 11/14/2006)
12. Communication from Alderman Shea proposing the establishment of a Manchester Crime Prevention Committee.
(Tabled 12/12/2006)
13. If there is no further business a motion is in order to adjourn.



**City of Manchester
City Library**

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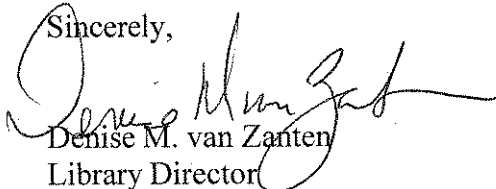
February 7, 2007

Dear Alderman Osborne:

On behalf of the library I would like to thank the committee for approving the bagging of two metered parking spots for library patrons to use on Amherst Street during our winter construction project. Our new handicap accessible entrance has re-opened and we are returning the bags to the Traffic Division.

Thank you for granting our request.

Sincerely,


Denise M. van Zanten
Library Director

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February 2, 2007

City of Manchester
Office of the City Clerk
One City Hall Plaza
Manchester, NH 03101

To Whom It May Concern:

My organization, www.b5one.com, is once again planning our annual event, Treffen der Hamster, and so I am again requesting use of the Arms Park parking lot. We would like to schedule our event for Saturday, June 10th from 9am to 4pm.

Our event is an annual VW and Audi car show, and we anticipate approximately 125 show vehicles this year and approximately 200 attendees to the event. We will once again have some sponsors on site including Volkswagen of America, and some local dealerships. Additionally, we will be including at least one food vendor from which attendees will be able to purchase lunch and a soda.

Our event last year was a great success in helping us raise money for our UNITE program and we hope to have an even bigger success this year.

Thank you for considering my application to use the Arms Park lot for this event. I know that this request must pass through the committee, so I look forward to hearing back from you after the committee has had an opportunity to review. More information regarding our event can also be found at www.treffenderhamster.org. I can be contacted at 603 396-0212, treffenderhamster@gmail.com, or 217 Long Pond Brook Way, Manchester, NH 03109.

Best Regards,

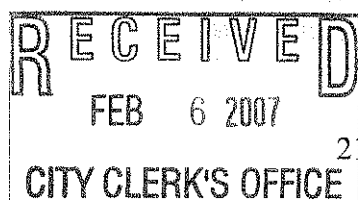
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Egan".

Michael Egan
VP - B5ONE

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City of Manchester Traffic Division

IN-STREET PEDESTRIAN CROSSING SIGN TRAFFIC POLICY

PURPOSE: Both pedestrians and motorists in the City of Manchester have rights and responsibilities on the roadway. Statistics and public response continue to reveal that the rights of pedestrians are not well respected by motorists. This fact increases the potential for accidents and pedestrian injury at crosswalks.

The purpose of this policy is to allow the usage of and provide guidance for the installation of the In-Street Pedestrian Crossing sign in accordance with the Federal Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways (MUTCD). The In-Street Pedestrian Crossing Sign may be used to remind motorists of the New Hampshire law that requires the driver of a vehicle to stop to yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within a marked crosswalk. It should be noted that studies show that excessive use of signs and pavement markings can substantially reduce the usefulness of such devices. Therefore, a consistent application of the policy will effectively serve both the motorist and the pedestrian.

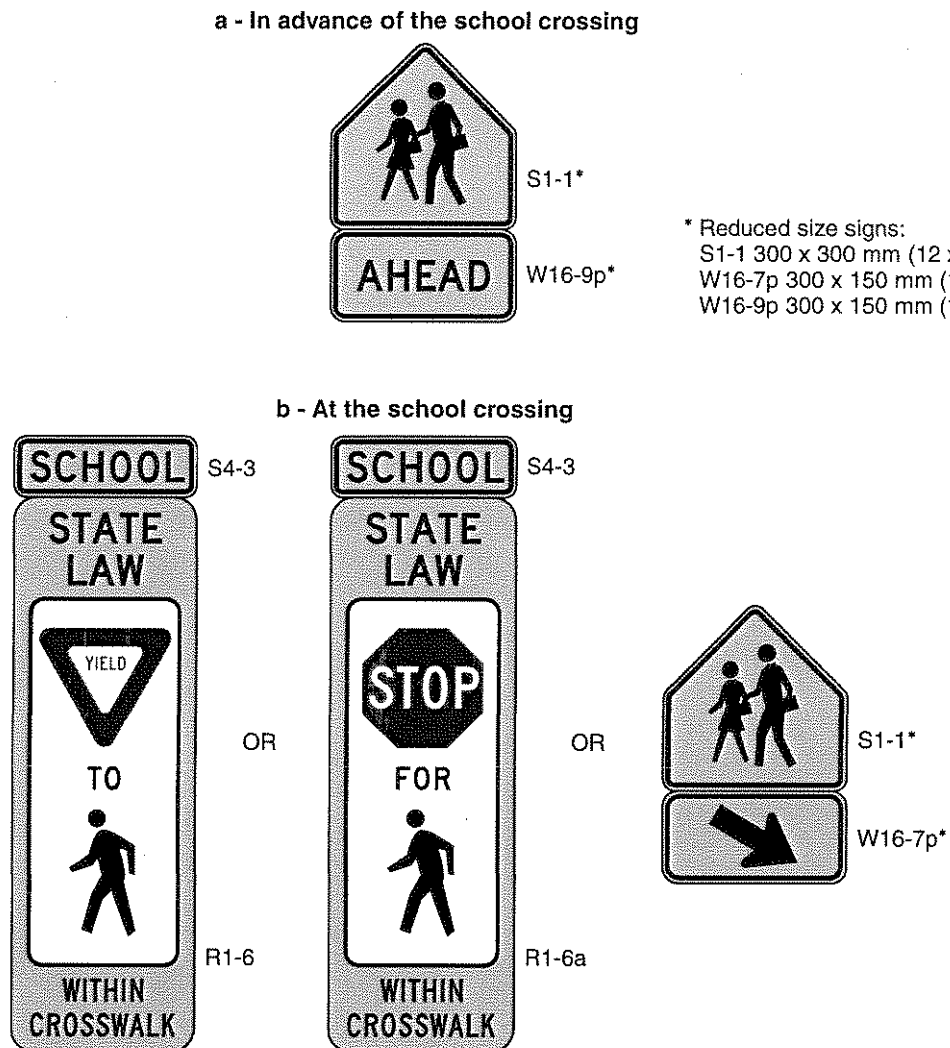
PROCESS: All requests received for the placement of the signs will be reviewed by staff of the Highway Department, Traffic Division, and the Police Department for determination and recommendation to the Committee on Public Safety and Traffic.

Policy: The following guidelines are standards and warrants for the use of In-Street Pedestrian Crossing Signs.

1. The provisions of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) shall be followed.
2. Relevant speed, volumes, accident records, pedestrian counts, sight obstructions and demographic analysis shall be reviewed when considering the installation.
3. The sign shall not be used on an approach to an intersection where it is controlled by either stop signs or traffic signals.
4. The sign should only be used at key locations, such as high volume crosswalks, to avoid overuse.
5. The sign shall only be used at existing crosswalk locations.

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6. The sign shall only be used as an in-street sign, not on the outside shoulder or parking lane. When installed, the sign shall not impede or obstruct any traffic movement including through or turning movements
7. When the sign is used at or in advance of a school crossing to supplement the ground mounted school warning signs, the sign shall include the SCHOOL plaque.
8. The sign shall be used seasonally due to safety issues with the use of the sign during the winter and to prevent damage during the winter because of plowing operations.
9. A limited number of signs shall be used throughout the city in order to avoid overuse.
10. Only one sign structure shall be used for both uncontrolled approaches to a crosswalk or intersection.
11. A custodian or caretaker of the sign is strongly recommended in order to avoid nuisance calls to Police, Highway or Traffic Division personnel. Signs should be taken in at night in order to avoid vandalism and displacement.
12. Program shall be properly funded to ensure procurement and maintenance costs.
13. Police will enforce compliance at the selected locations.
14. Any of the following supplemental conditions may warrant the signs installation:
 - a. Those locations adjacent to and along established pedestrian routes to and from a school.
 - b. Locations adjacent to community centers, libraries, and other high use public facilities.
 - c. Locations adjacent to public parks.
 - d. Locations where accident records, sight obstructions and/or pedestrian volume warrants the installation.
 - e. Locations where significant numbers of physically challenged persons cross a street.
 - f. Locations where significant numbers of senior citizens cross a street.

Figure 7B-4. In-Street Signs in School Areas**Section 7B.11 School Speed Limit Assembly (S4-1, S4-2, S4-3, S4-4, S4-6, S5-1)****Standard:**

A School Speed Limit assembly (see Figure 7B-1) or a School Speed Limit (S5-1) sign (see Figure 7B-1) shall be used to indicate the speed limit where a reduced speed zone for a school area has been established (in accordance with law based upon an engineering study) or where a speed limit is specified for such areas by statute. The School Speed Limit assembly or School Speed Limit sign shall be placed at or as near as practical to the point where the reduced speed zone begins.

Guidance:

The reduced speed zone should begin either at a point 60 m (200 ft) from the crosswalk, or at a point 30 m (100 ft) from the school property line, based on whichever is encountered first as traffic approaches the school.

Standard:

The School Speed Limit assembly shall be either a fixed-message sign assembly or a changeable message sign.

The fixed-message School Speed Limit assembly shall consist of a top plaque (S4-3) with the legend SCHOOL, a Speed Limit (R2-1) sign, and a bottom plaque (S4-1, S4-2, S4-4, or S4-6) indicating the specific periods of the day and/or days of the week that the special school speed limit is in effect (see Figure 7B-1).

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